

REMARKS

Applicants apologize for the inadvertent errors in the previously filed substitute specification. Applicants' amendments to the specification were solely to correct typographical errors uncovered during prosecution of the parent application. The instant application is a continuation of United States application serial no. 08/835279, and Applicants' amendments to the specification did not add new matter. Applicants hereby confirm that the substitute specification did not add new matter. Applicants respectfully request entry of the previous submitted substitute specification. In light of entry of the substitute specification, which does not add new matter with respect to the parent application, Applicants contend that the previously submitted oath is not defective.

Applicants acknowledge and apologize for the misnumbering of the filed claims. As shown above, Applicants have corrected the numbering of the claims in compliance with 37 CFR 1.126. Claims 41-44 correspond to the invention of Group II as outlined in the Restriction Requirement.

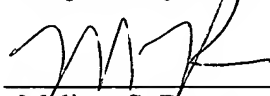
In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed January 13, 2006, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-26, drawn to a method of inducing cell differentiation or preventing neuronal cell death. Applicants elect this invention with traverse because the inventions of Groups I-II are directed to overlapping subject matter. Applicants contend that the overlapping nature of the claimed subject matter is illustrated by the categorization of the inventions of Groups I-II in the same class and subclass (class 514, subclass 12, for example). Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions of Groups I-II can be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the inventions of Groups I-II be rejoined, and that prosecution on the merits proceed for all the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-44 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Applicants elect with traverse Group I. If any clarification of the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. HUIP-P04-009.**

Date: February 13, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa S. Rones
Reg. No. 54,408
Ropes & Gray LLP
One International Place
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: 617-951-7000
Fax: 617-951-7050